



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Culp Valley Trail – Accessibility Improvements

LOCATION: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

COUNTY: San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

This project proposes to reroute the existing Culp Valley Overlook Trail to meet accessibility requirements and guidelines. The trail reroute will also correct drainage issues and improve the visitor experience. Approximately .3 miles of the existing trail will be rerouted and trail features will include rock retaining walls, imported aggregate/soil stabilized surface, two overlooks, approximately 150 square feet each, interpretive panels and directional signs, accessible benches, one approximately 40 square-foot passing space, rock armored trail segments, and one puncheon/boardwalk section, approximately 10 feet long. In addition to the trail reroute, the project will develop two accessible parking spaces, one at the trailhead and one at the location of an existing accessible CXT restroom at the campground.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Acquisition Development Division

EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)
☒ Categorical Exemption
Class: 1 & 3 Section(s): 15301 15303

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated.
A resource ecologist will ensure avoidance of significant impacts to natural resources.
An archaeologist will ensure avoidance of significant impacts to cultural resources.
There will be negligible or no expansion of existing use (class 1)
Consists of construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities (Class 3)

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